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SUBJECT: ALLIED BRIEFING TO NATO ON BERLIN

REFS: (A) BONN 18332; (B) NATO 5988

1. AT NOVEMBER 13 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (LUECKING) SAID THAT FRG PERMREP KRAPF HAD BEEN ON THE PHONE SEVERAL TIMES TO REMIND THE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT AMBASSADOR MENZIES WANTED ONE OF THE FOUR POWERS TO BRIEF THE NAC ON BERLIN. LUECKING SAID HE ASSUMED MENZIES' INTEREST STEMMED FROM HIS RECENT VISIT TO BERLIN. HE THOUGHT WE SHOULD NOT CREATE THE WRONG IMPRESSION BY SAYING MORE ABOUT BERLIN THAN IS CUSTOMARY, AND HE COULD NOT VISUALIZE ONE OF THE FOUR MINISTERS MAKING A SPECIAL REPORT ON BERLIN AT THE MINISTERIAL. TO MEET MENZIES' REQUEST, AS INTERPRETED BY KRAPF, LUECKING THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR ONE OF THE FOUR AMBASSADORS TO SAY SOMETHING ON BERLIN DURING A REGULAR NAC SESSION.

2. US REP SAID HE HAD NO REPORT ON MENZIES' REQUEST

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AND THEREFORE NO INSTRUCTIONS. UK REP HAD RECEIVED A LETTER REPORTING THE REQUEST BUT NO REACTION FROM

LONDON. FRENCH REP, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED THE IDEA (REF A), SAID THAT THE FRENCH HAD NO OBJECTION TO A REPORT SUCH AS LUECKING HAD SUGGESTED, IF SOMEONE IN ADDITION TO MENZIES WAS INTERESTED AND WITH TWO PROVISIOS -- THAT THE PRESENTATION BE OFFERED SPECIFICALLY AS A RESPONSE TO A REQUEST, AND THAT THE SPIRIT AT LEAST OF THE REPORT, IF NOT THE LETTER, BE AGREED IN THE BONN GROUP.

3. ALL THREE ALLIED REPS THEN ACCEPTED LUECKING'S OFFER TO DRAFT A PAPER, WHICH WOULD BE SHOWN TO THE ALLIES IN THE BONN GROUP AND THEN BE SENT TO KRAPF FOR HIS USE IN BRIEFING THE NAC.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE USNATO'S VIEWS ON WHETHER THERE IS A DEMAND FOR SUCH A BRIEFING AND ON THE PROPOSAL THAT IT BE GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR KRAPF.
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